

## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace [0010] (page 3, lines 6-10 of the original application) with the following amended paragraph:

[0010] The group X preferably has a charge of -1 and formally represents a certain fraction of  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$ , and/or  $\text{Cu}^+$ , and  $\text{O}^{2-}$  ions mixed with anions such as  $\text{OH}^-$ ,  $\text{F}^-$ ,  $\text{Cl}^-$ ,  $\text{Br}^-$ , and/or  $\text{I}^-$ . Most preferably, X represents  $\text{Cu}_x\text{O}_y\text{H}_z$ , wherein  $0 < x \leq 0.85$ ,  $0 \leq z < 1$  and  $0.5 < y \leq 1$ . More preferably, X represents  $\text{Cu}_x\text{O}_y\text{H}_z$ , wherein  $0.1 \leq x \leq 0.6$ , in particular,  $0.2 \leq x \leq 0.5$ .